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answer that and, you know, typically in the course of debate, if somebody is interested in a bill, they want to learn more about a bill, if they have questions about a bill that are sincerely about that bill, I would answer any member's questions in that light. Today I didn't feel like the questions were sincere. They weren't about the bill. They were about delay. They were about harassment and they were about a vote on a bill that we took yesterday or a vote we took yesterday, LB 510, to override the Governor. And lest anyone that's observing the proceedings today thinks that this hasn't been a distortion of the process, this is a distortion of the process. The process is not intended for one member to delay things for retributive reasons because a certain other member didn't vote the right way the day before. We typically accord each other a congeniality and we work with each other, and we understand that everybody has reasons for voting how they do. Today seems to be payback for a vote that was taken yesterday, and all of us are trying to do the right thing. All of us are trying to do what we believe is right. I don't look at the motives of any member in this room and think that people are voting for any reason other than their own consciences. And that, to me, is the reason we cast the votes we do. And I wouldn't impugn anyone's motives and I wouldn't try to pay them back for not voting with me on a particular day. So with that, Mr. President, I would like to withdraw LB 1012.

CLERK: Senator, may I make inquiry, may I interpret your comments to mean pass over the bill at this time?

SENATOR BRUNING: Certainly.

CLERK: Okay, thank you.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: The bill will be passed over. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, next bill, LB 1023 by Senator Hudkins. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 6 of this year, referred to the Health Committee, advanced to General File. I do have committee amendments, Mr. President. (AM2244, Legislative Journal page 698.)

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Hudkins,